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THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PAST IS MERELY A POINT OF DEPARTURE, AND YOU KNOW THAT IN OUR ART, IMPOSSIBLE IS AN IMPOSSIBLE WORD." T.A.E. 1879



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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at **Northeast High School,**

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505 (day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

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The club meets at 7:30 PM on the **second non-holiday Wednesday** of every month except July and August at **The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill**

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All visitors are welcome!

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater – Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz & 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

W3AA at Northeast High School –Trustee: WU3I

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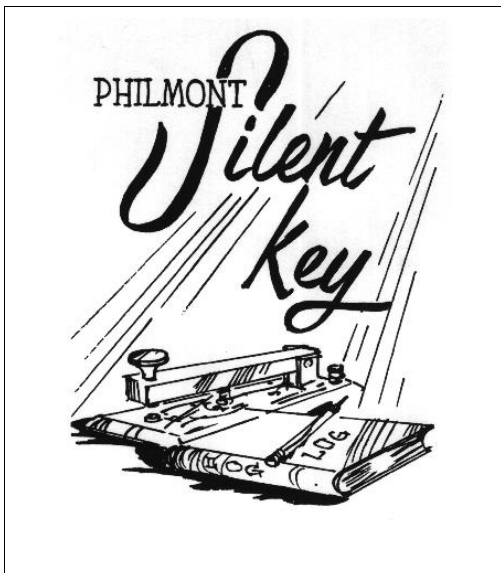
Youth: N3MT

RFI: open

VE Program: ND3Q

W3AA Trustee: WU3I

Welcome: K3CJ.



Joann Hoch N3FTC,SK

We have the sad duty of noting the passing of Joann Hoch N3FTC, XYL of Steve WU3I, on December 30, 2003. Joann was very active in her support of Phil-Mont both directly and through her support of Steve's constant involvement in PMRC activities. Many of us have our own memories of Joann; I think one of my fondest will be of her waiting patiently for hours on a hot airport tarmac last summer while her grandson fulfilled a long-held dream of his first airplane ride. --de K3XS

Here's another remembrance from Carmen KE3QB

I had the privilege of knowing Joann through my association with her Husband, Steve, WU3I. I remember seeing her at past Field Days bringing up some great recipe for a deliciously tasting casserole or chicken dinner. Her friendliness and outgoing personality made an impression in me that I won't forget. She was always pleasant and even if something did bother her, I have never seen her display it in front of others. Visiting Steve at their home many times for one personal reason or another, I was always greeted by her with a smile and of course the usual answer that Steve was upstairs or downstairs always doing something. Anytime we had a conversation, she always asked how my sons and wife were doing. After helping Steve with an Antenna Project of some sort a few times, Steve would call Joann on the cell phone and say that we were on our way home or to see what she was doing but the thing I remember the most is Steve would look at me and relay that the "Wife said Hello". Little things like this are what I remember about a friend like Joann. The very last thing I remember is the closeness that Steve and Joann had with each other. The many things they did and shared together. The many things they had in common and the warm hearted friendliness and compassion they have passed down to their children whom I have had the pleasure to meet from time to time. We should be so lucky to have a companion to share life's events with, good and bad and only to relive them as memories years later. Joann has left me with some memories that will be with me as I am sure she has left some memories with all who have known her. She will be missed by all... de KE3QB



Joann and Steve during the 2003 MS150 (Thanks for photo to W3CH)

Thank you to all for their condolences and good wishes at this time

--Stephen Hoch WU3I and family.

ARRL proposes Amateur Licence restructuring

On January 16, The ARRL Board of Directors approved a proposal to ask the FCC to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license granting some HF phone privileges without a Morse code test. The League also will propose consolidating all current licensees into three classes, retaining the 5 WPM Element 1 Morse requirement only for the highest class.

"Change in the Amateur Radio Service in the US, especially license requirements and even more so when Morse is involved, has always been emotional. In fact, without a doubt, Morse is Amateur Radio's 'religious debate.'" said ARRL VP Joel Harrison, W5ZN. He added that the proposal would provide "a true entry-level license with HF privileges" to promote growth in the Amateur Service.

The new entry-level license class--being called "Novice" for now--would require a 25-question written exam, and offer limited HF CW/data and phone/image privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters as well as VHF and UHF privileges on 6 and 2 meters and on 222-225 and 430-450 MHz. Power output would be restricted to 100 W on 80, 40, and 15 meters and to 50 W on 10 meters and up.

The middle group of licensees--Technician, Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) and General--would be merged into a new General license that also would not require a Morse examination. Current Technician and Tech Plus license holders automatically would gain current General class privileges without additional testing, and the current Element 3 General examination would remain in place for new applicants. Current Novice, Tech

ARRL Proposed Phone/Image HF Subbands

80 Meters	Extra: 3.725-4.000 MHz (gain of 25 kHz) General: 3.800-4.000 MHz (gain of 50 kHz) Novice: 3.900-4.000 MHz (new)
40 meters	Extra: 7.125-7.300 MHz (gain of 25 kHz) General: 7.175-7.300 MHz (gain of 50 kHz) Novice: 7.200-7.300 MHz (new)
15 meters	Extra: 21.200-21.450 MHz (no change) General: 21.275-21.450 MHz (gain of 25 kHz) Novice: 21.350-21.450 MHz (new)
10 meters	Extra and General: 28.300-29.700 MHz (no change) Novice: 28.300-28.500 MHz (no change)

CW/Data-Exclusive HF Subbands

80 meters	Extra: 3.500-3.725 MHz General: 3.525-3.725 MHz Novice: 3.550-3.700 MHz
40 meters	Extra: 7.000-7.125 MHz General: 7.025-7.125 MHz Novice: 7.050-7.125 MHz
15 meters	Extra: 21.000-21.200 MHz General: 21.025-21.200 MHz Novice: 21.050-21.200 MHz
10 meters	Extra/General: 28.000-28.300 MHz Novice: 28.050-28.300 MHz

Plus and General licensees would receive lifetime 5 WPM Morse credit. The current Advanced and Amateur Extra class licences would be combined, because the technical level of the exams passed by these licensees is very similar.

ARRL CEO David Sumner K1ZZ said the Board felt that the highest level of accomplishment should include basic Morse capability. The plan would allow new Novices to participate in HF SSB emergency nets on 75 and 40 meters as well as in the top 100 kHz of 15 meters.

The ARRL license restructuring design calls for no changes in privileges for Extra and General class licensees on 160, 60, 30, 20, 17 or 12 meters, where Novice licensees would have no access.

The FCC has not yet acted on the ARRL plan, which would alter current HF subbands, and the amateur community and other interested parties will have an opportunity to comment on the ARRL proposal once the League formally files a Petition for Rule Making.

Free Ham Radio Gear!

I hadn't been on the ham bands for many years when I saw the ad in the

newspaper For Sale Column. I had struggled really hard to get my ham license as a teenager. But in my adult life I got involved in other things, and the radio gear on the bench had a fine coating of dust on it from inactivity.

The ad said -- "Giving away Ham Radio Gear. You pick up. No charge. Free to a good home!" Wow I thought -- This sounds too good to be true! I had just the other day thought how much fun it would be to turn the radio on and make a few contacts both local and worldwide.

So I called the number and a pleasant older voice answered. I made arrangements and went over to see this gear. The radios ranged from older tube sets to a new HF/VHF radio. I asked the ham why he didn't want any money for the gear. He just smiled and said that he could not use it anymore. I thought that he might be selling his house and moving into a retirement community where they did not allow radios. I thanked him, packed the gear in the car and rushed home to try it out.

My antenna farm was a tangled mess due to a number of frozen winter storms without repair. So I fashioned a crude antenna from a hunk of wire and stuck it to the back of one of the newer radios. I pushed the "on" button, with the intent of just listening to some HF Ham Stations, and was surprised what I

heard.

There were signals there all right but not the ones I had hoped to hear. Instead the band was full of Short Wave and Data Signals. I turned to another band and heard the same thing. This is really weird I thought! Since this was one of those fancy newer HF/VHF radios, I tuned down to the 2 meter and 440 bands looking for the local repeaters. What I heard there were truck drivers and taxi cab companies talking to their dispatchers, and even a local hotel chain talking to their work crew about getting rooms ready. I thought to myself -- no wonder the guy wanted to get rid of this equipment -- the radio only gets the scanner channels. I'm guessing that he wanted to get rid of this radio, because he didn't want to go to the expense of sending them back to the manufacturers service center.

Puzzled by what I was hearing I decided to call the old ham and ask some information on what had caused this radio to receive the local scanner frequencies in the ham band segment. Over the phone he laughed out loud and said, "No those are the ham bands all right -- or what used to be the ham bands!" "What -- do you mean used to be?", I asked back.

He went on to tell me that several years ago the FCC had closed those bands to hams due to inactivity by the ham community. Those bands are now being used by land services and other business uses," he said. "You mean all the ham bands were given away?", I asked. "Don't be silly," he replied, "the FCC sold off those parcels of unused bands to the highest bidder! They simply put out a letter to all the hams saying that these bands were restricted to business only. And we were to never use these bands again under penalty of thousand of dollars in fines."

What he told me left me dumbstruck!

"So let me get this straight," I said, "you mean that the reason you gave me this equipment is because there are no longer bands to use it on! "Yep! he said with a laugh, "It was simply that the FCC saw all those empty ham bands as a gold mine of potential fundraising for the government. With no one using the bands, and a unsupportive and ineffective ham radio lobby, hams just literally gave those bands away to be sold off!"

As I hung up the phone I thought of all the money I already had tied up in ham radio equipment down in the basement. I had purchased both old and new sets through the years and was quite proud of my ham radio station. All that money wasted with nothing to do now, but monitor the local Burger King asking if someone wanted fries with their Whopper.

A far fetched story? Not at all! Not a day goes by that you don't read in the newspapers about the government selling off frequencies to the highest bidder! A national radio communications magazine recently had an article by a columnist saying his good byes as he was closing his column after many years. Why? Well, he explained that with all the different agencies going to trunking, the average scanner listener could no longer listen to anything interesting on the radio. That facts are time had passed and so had technology. Suddenly he found himself with no one sending him emails about interesting local frequencies that he could pass on to his readers. With all the new systems out most of the old scanner units were as useless as our old early day computers.

There is a moral to this story of course. Anyone who has been around the activity for a while can see the handwriting on the wall! Have you listened to the repeaters lately, during daytime, during drive time, or anytime at all? Remember the days when all your friends were on the radio just

waiting to chat with you during the drive home or after dinner? Well, those friends are no longer on the radio anymore.

Some have said it was because their old friends had moved to other towns. Some said that their old friends got busy doing something else, and no longer had the time to talk on the radio. Some blamed it on the internet. While others decided that they just did not want to talk to the new people they heard on radio. Everyone had an excuse for no longer turning the radio on. Suddenly there was silence!

So when was the last time YOU threw out your call on the radio? When was the last time you turned on the HF radio and enjoyed the thrill talking to another land? I didn't say TYPING on the internet to another land, I said TALKING on the radio to another land! When was the last time you came to a radio club meeting, and what excuse did you have for that? Was it because you were too busy? Was it because you were afraid you would have to talk to "those new people" face to face? It seems that today we all have so many excuses no longer being active on the bands. I am sure that you have heard plenty or perhaps made up a number of them yourself.

Well, lets look at this another way! I remember a local AM talk radio broadcaster suggesting that we follow the money trail. Let's start with our side! We shelled out money for books and tapes to learn the needed information to past the license test. We shelled out good money for the license, for the QSL cards, for the tower, the antennas, the base radio, the mobile radio, the HT's, the new keyer, club memberships etc. Look at all the money that you have spent on this great hobby. Count it up and you will soon discover that you have a lot of time and money invested in this activity.

Now lets return to the FCC looking for a way to make a buck by selling frequencies. You know they really don't care how much you personally have spent on radio hardware! They don't care how much time you took to get that license. In fact your personal interests are the last thing they are thinking about. They are only looking at all those "empty" frequencies that they could sell to big business. Remember the 220 ham segment that was sold off to United Parcel Service a number of years ago? It will happen again -- for the right price!

But wait you say! How about the need for ham radio during National Emergencies? How about 911, and the twin towers, and the terrorists who are lurking everywhere. How about the hurricanes, the tidal waves, the tornados and the floods? Let's be honest folks -- when was the last time that YOU participated in any of those events? If you haven't turned on the radio in years then isn't that just another excuse. Ham Radio is going to run out of excuses one day and suddenly YOU will be the one giving all your equipment away. You may think this is all far fetched, but you would be run. Remember that there are no guarantees that the ham bands will go on forever. Especially if they are mostly empty and there is a buck to be made.

Perhaps you would like to turn on the radio and check this out for yourself? Simon and Garfunkel put out a record talking about "The Sounds of Silence." This sound is not a good sound for YOU the ham radio operator! This is the sound of the wolves at the door just waiting to pounce on your ham bands! Oops - I meant to say on the FCC frequencies that were your ham bands.

This is a wake up call! Use them or lose them! Let me repeat that again so it sinks in: **USE THOSE BANDS NOW...OR LOSE THEM TOMORROW!**

Now is the time to dust off those radios, to throw out your call, to join a radio club, to support the ARRL efforts in your behalf, to do Field Day this summer and to return to the days when you made life long friends through a great hobby.

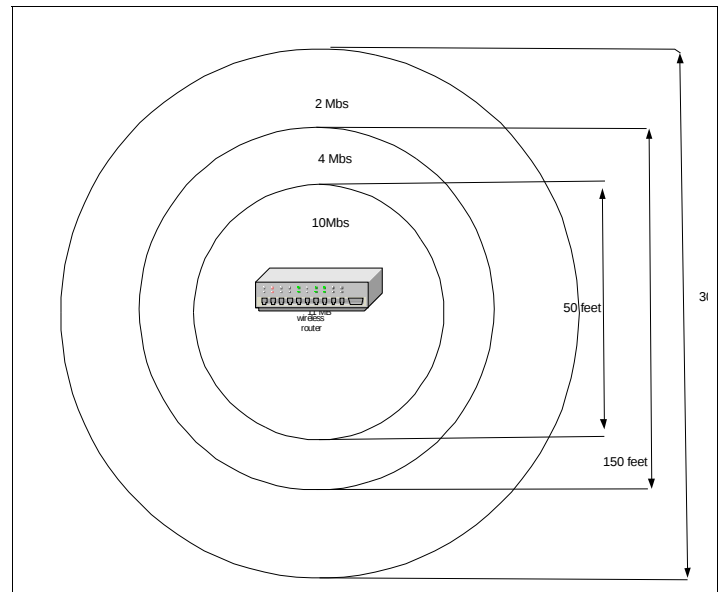
Or you can just leave it the way it is now. Get that newspaper ad ready for some poor ham who hasn't been on the radio for a long time. It will save you leaving those boat anchors out on the curb for the trash man!

A guest editorial by Bob Fields, KC6AOH, President of the Delaware County (PA) Amateur Radio Club Thanks, Bob, for giving us permission to reprint this great article.

Ask Ted: Ethernet vs. Wi-Fi or Wire vs. Wireless

Computer networks for the home and small business can be built using either wired or wireless technology. Wired Ethernet has been the traditional choice, but Wi-Fi or wireless technologies are gaining ground fast. For comparison basis we are going to setup a Network with the following basic parts.

- DSL or Cable (broadband)
- 10/100 base T or wireless (Wi-Fi)
- 4 systems 1 laptop and 3 desktops all systems will be P4's with 128MB of memory.



Both wired and wireless can claim advantages over each other. So lets break down the issues into a few points of comparison

- Cost
- Ease of installation
- Security
- Speed
- Reliability

COST (note: list pricing from linksys site)

Wi-Fi: For 4 systems 3 desktop and one laptop the cost for parts will be about 285.00.

Router/wireless	90.00
PCI Wireless card	120.00 (3)
(usb devices are also available)	
Laptop card	74.00

Wire: For 4 systems 3 desktop and one laptop the cost will be about 284.00

Router	74.00
PCI network cards	90.00
Laptop network card	60.00
Cables	60.00

(5 premade cables cat 5 at various lengths)

Conclusion:

Call this one a tie.

Ease of installation:

WIFI: 1 Hour or less.

Wire: at least one day to run/test cables

About Wi-Fi

Popular WLAN (wireless local area networks) technologies all follow one of the three main Wi-Fi communication standards. The benefits of wireless networking depend on the standard employed:

802.11b was the first standard to be widely used in WLANs. 802.11b LANs support a maximum bandwidth of 11 Mbps. Although 802.11b performs much better than traditional dial-up networking, the performance of 802.11b is still significantly less than 802.11a and other, newer standards.

The 802.11a standard is faster but more expensive than 802.11b; 802.11a is more commonly found in business networks. 802.11a wireless networks support a maximum theoretical bandwidth of 54 Mbps. 802.11a's principal advantage over 802.11b that supports 11 Mbps, is improved performance. However, 802.11a access points (APs) and adapters also cost significantly more than their 802.11b counterparts. 802.11a transmits radio signals in the frequency range above 5 GHz. This range is "regulated," meaning that 802.11a gear utilizes frequencies not used by other commercial wireless products like cordless phones. In contrast, 802.11b utilizes frequencies in the unregulated 2.4 GHz range and encounters much more radio interference from other devices.

802.11g is the newest standard, , attempts to combine the best of both 802.11a and 802.11b, though it too is more a more expensive home networking To achieve backward compatibility, 802.11g uses the same communication frequency range – 2.4 Ghz – as 802.11b. As with the other 802.11 standards, 802.11g support 802.11a systems.

Right now I would stick with 802.11b, and keep all the equipment the same manufacture

and an hour to install. (Unless all systems are on one floor)

Conclusion:

Wi-Fi wins this hands down, no wires to run.

Security:

Wi-Fi is a broadcasted signal and can be received by any system that has Wi-Fi installed. So this is a *No brainier, wire is more secure. Wi-Fi does have an encryption section (WEP) built in however it is easily hacked.*

Conclusion:

Wired systems are more secure.

Speed:

Wi-Fi bandwidth max is 54Mb, Ethernet 100Mb.

There is a second part to the speed issue; Wi-Fi bandwidth is shared (like your cable modem). The speed 11 or 54 MB is shared across all connected systems. i.e. at 11MB, 4 systems each system would get < 4MB of the

bandwidth.

At the wire side using a switch at 10/100 BaseT gives each system a full 10/100MB to each host.

Conclusion:

Head to head the hard-wired system at would win.

Reliability:

Once installed; I have had no problems with any Wi-Fi connection at work or at various sites around this area, the same for wired sites

The Wi-Fi access point covers a radius of about 300 feet. And is greatly affected by near field. I have caused errors by keying my HT at 5 watts (440mhz). Portable phone systems can interfere with the data stream. On the wire side running cables across/near electrical devices that generate electrical noise will cause errors on the wire. The cable is NOT shielded. The "z" is shielded does not match the magnetics of the Ethernet system.

The intangible on all the above is mobility. Wi-Fi is mobile you can drag your laptop to the coffee table and serf the web while watching the big game.

Conclusion:

I would call this a tie giving a slight edge to wire.

To summarize, if all your systems are in the same room go with wire. Systems scattered throughout the house ? go wireless. (802.11b) You can combine the two systems to give speed to gaming systems and mobility to laptops.

A little more on Wi-Fi systems.

Using a laptop I took some measurements @50, 150 and 300 feet from the WAP in a straight line. There is a performance icon on the desktop that shows signal strength and speed. The system tested at a single strength of about 90%, 50% and 20% which translates to 10,5, and about 2 (megabits per second). At 2Mbs I was still able to get mail and surf the WEB albeit a little slow but it did work.

WAP Placement is very important here are a few tips.

- Higher is better;
- On top (of a cabinet, bookshelf, desk hutch) is better than inside;
- Away from large metal objects (filing cabinets, steel shelving, etc.) is better than near.
- You can adjust the antennas to change the pattern and gain strength at a specific location.

Spread the Word

As the time for the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club (PMRC) Auction Fest approached so did the forecast of bad weather. Cancelling an auction fest because of bad weather had never been an issue. As

the eleventh hour drew near, I found out that being a PMRC member pays off not in dollars but in the ever elusive peace of mind. A call to Jim Spencer relieved my fear of how to tell all interested in the auction fest that the event would be cancelled. Jim suggested that the word would go out on the W3QV repeater. One might think it is no big deal until you realise the tremendous effort expended by Jim (W3BBB) to keep the system running and with the 2 meter, 70 cm transmitters, receivers antennas, links, voters and don't even mention the wiring, what a system it is folks. One might say use e-mail but, many of us fail to read it in time to be most effective. The lesson from this, for me, is to read the Blurb for scheduled club events and stay tuned to the W3QV repeater for cancellations. The auction fest did happen in a big, big way. Over a hundred buyer seller transactions took place and the event lasted about three and a half hours. In a bigger way than 'a big, big way' was the food supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and Bill W3AOK. I believe a good time was had by all. A special thanks to the Masonic Village management, Perry W3PTB, Steve (WU3I), Ed (KB3IV) Larry (K3HWE) and thank you to all (Mother Nature and Father Time included) that helped make the PMRC 2004 auction fest a success. ...73 Al W3STW.

December General Meeting

Attending the meeting were 18 members and guests. Ed KB3IV called the meeting to order. Dick W3RM reported that we are within budget. Three applications for membership were

accepted tonight. Dues notices will be in January's Blurb. Maggie K3XS reported the Blurb is going well and she is in need of articles.

Larry K3HWE our new Emergency Coordinator introduced himself. Mike N3MT reported on DX activities.

Ed reported on Field Day and the need for a new Field Day Coordinator. The job entails administrative duties as Steve WU3I has offered to continue with food and antenna chores.

Steve WU3I reported on Field Day results. Philmont came in 6th in our category. Band conditions were poor as all scores were down from last year.

Jim W3BBB reported that the UHF final is down. We have one on loan. Villanova is down. Jim announced a new input would be going in online in Broomall.

Jim NS3K reported we had 3 candidates for testing. All three were students of Al W3STW at Northeast High and all three passed the Technician test. Steve WU3I reported on some of the activity at W3AA and would like to see some additional members volunteer at W3AA. Al W3STW suggested an open house during a test session to show the new W3AA/W3YC.

At this time, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to the Judge of Elections, Jim Spencer W3BBB for the annual elections.

73 de WA3KIO

January Board Meeting

Attending were Al W3STW, Jim W3BBB, Ed KB3IV, Mike N3MT,

Steve WU3I, Dick W3RM, and Bill W3AOK.

Al W3STW called the meeting to order. Dick W3RM gave the treasurer's report.

It was moved and seconded that Mike N3MT is approved as assistant treasurer. Dick presented a budget for the year 2004. Al appointed Ed KB3IV for a Director's position. Dick reported on the scholarship fund. The fund met the 2003 requirement with \$2215 coming in for the year. Jim W3BBB gave a repeater report. The hard-line and antenna are in for the new input in Delaware county. It will be installed when the weather breaks. Southampton is down right now.

Al W3STW brought up the topic of a Field Day chairman. Steve reported that he would continue to handle antenna set up, food chores and storage of equipment. It was reported that Carmen KE3QB has offered to take the position.

Al W3STW opened up old business. The director's position for Charlye K3CJ was still vacant. A vote was held to fill the vacancy with Eric N3YXZ. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Al announced the new board:
Ed will speak to Maggie about up dating

Officers:

Al W3STW – President
Bill W3AOK – Vice President
Jim NS3K – Secretary
Dick W3RM – Treasurer
Mike N3MT – Assistant Treasurer

Directors:

Jim W3BBB
Mike N3MT
Gene – N3XKE
Steve WU3I
Maggie – K3XS
Eric – N3YXZ
Appointed :Ed KB3IV

the website. Al spoke on the emergency coordinator of ARRL who would like to do a talk at a future meeting. Larry W3HWE will arrange with Bill W3AOK to have him visit Philmont at a later time.

Al W3STW brought up getting publicity for W3AA. It was recommended to wait until everything is set up.

Mike N3MT reported on Youth and DX. He would like to meet with the students at W3AA at Northeast High and also tie in a future DX contest

Al W3STW reported that a satellite contact was made after a repair was made. More instructors are needed. Jim W3BBB has a dedicated radio for W3AA. Ed KB3IV reported that nets are running fine.

New Business: Dick W3RM reported that W1RFI from ARRL will be speaking at Frankford Radio Club on BPL. Ed KB3IV asked for dates for the PMRC 2004 schedule. Information will be forthcoming for future meetings. At this time the meeting was adjourned.

This brings to a close, three years as Philmont's secretary. It has been a great pleasure to serve. At this time, I turn things over and welcome our new secretary, Jim NS3K.

73 de WA3KIO

January 2004 Meeting

Just a brief introduction. My name is Jim and my callsign is NS3K. If all things go as planned I will be your club secretary for 2004. I have been licensed since June 1993 and have had the previous callsigns, N3PMA and KE3OP. I have also been a Philmont member since shortly after being licensed. I am also a VE and have helped administer at most of the Philmont VE sessions since becoming a VE in 1994. Any comments or



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BIRTHDAYS
&
TID-BYTES

By
WB3KOJ

Membership stats resume in April

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO
UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY
INFORMATION.

February Birthdays

01 Charlotte Feierman (XYL K3EUI)
03 Barry Feierman - K3EUI
04 Eunice Bohlander (XYL W3VVS)
John Geliebter - N3RBJ*
05 Mike Concordia - WB3KAC
09 Robin Morgan - (XYL W7MM)
10 Sharon Masarsky - N3GLU
17 Sam Smith - K3GBA
18 Bill Mannino - WA3NSP
Mim Roeshman (XYL W3LKI)
23 Gene DiNardi - N3XKE
24 Carmen DeCicco - KE3QB
Larry Pollack - N3VLC
25 Steve Pavlou - KC2HGC
*New Member - 2003

Don't Forget!

Dues are due! For those of you who have not paid, W3RM awaits your money!

questions can be sent to me at jmccloskey@msn.com

The January meeting of PMRC was called to order at 7:32 pm by newly elected Club president W3STW, Al Tribble. There were at least 42 attendees, although I believe a few forgot to use the sign-in sheet.

The formal portion of the meeting was kept short. Dick, W3RM gave a brief Treasury report. All is well. Then KB3IV, our auctionmeister for the evening laid down the rules for the night's auction proceedings.

Before the auction began we held the 50-50 drawing which was won by W3RED, who also made out fairly well during the auction. This was then followed by the auction itself which involved approx. 73 items. Some new owners and sellers went home happy and some went

home bringing with them what they brought. Better luck next year. The night's festivities ended at 10:15 pm and everyone left to light snowflakes.

Till next month, 73 NS3K

Well, at the last minute a whole flock of items all tried to crowd their way into this month's Blurb all at once. I'm afraid some of them are just going to have to wait until next month.

The ARRL dropped their own little bomb with a proposal to restructure amateur licencing. We have another amazing story involving Free Ham Radio Gear, don't miss that one!

Remember that Dues are once again Due...if you've been delinquent you're not alone, so get that check in the mail. Remember to update your Directory information too.

Now I've got to go mail **our** dues check....

-73 de Maggie K3XS, your editor

Date	February 2004 with PMRC
Sun 01	NCS 2m:W3YXZ 75m W3YXZ
Mon 02	
Tue 03	
Wed 04	PMRC Board meets at WRDV Hatboro
Thu 05	VE exams at Northeast High, see page 2
Fri 06	
Sat 07	
Sun 08	NCS: 2m:N3OWM 75m WA3KIO
Mon 09	
Tue 10	
Wed 11	PMRC general meeting at Masonic Village
Thu 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Fri 13	
Sat 14	Valentine's Day-NCS: 2m KB3IV 75m KB3IV
Sun 15	
Mon 16	
Tue 17	
Wed 18	
Thu 19	
Fri 20	
Sat 21	President's Day
Sun 22	Washington's Birthday-NCS 2m N3FTY 75m W3STW
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